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Part IX
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Section 27
Jointly financed administrative activities

Overview

27.1 Provisions under this section cover the requirements of six administrative organizational units financed on an inter-agency basis. These are the following:

(a) The International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and its secretariat;

(b) The Joint Inspection Unit and its secretariat;

(c) The secretariats of subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) concerned with administrative issues: the Information Systems Coordination Committee (ISCC), the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (CCAQ) and the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (CCPOQ);

(d) The International Computing Centre (ICC).

27.2 ISCC is the successor body to the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems (ACCIS), which was established in 1983 by ACC in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/71 in order to ensure the efficient operation of United Nations information systems for users at the national level and to enhance their capacity to collect, retrieve and disseminate information. CCPOQ was established in 1993 by the fusion of the functions of the two subcommittees of the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (CCSQ), a subsidiary organ of ACC, established to promote effective coordination among organizations of the United Nations common system in respect of substantive questions. It had two components comprising a cluster of tasks dealing with programme and related policy matters (CCSQ (PROG)) and with operational activities (CCSQ (OPS)).

27.3 The total resources required for ICSC and the Joint Inspection Unit are requested under this section, the reimbursement from other participating organizations being credited to the United Nations under income section 2. In respect of ISCC, CCAQ, CCPOQ and ICC, only the United Nations share of the total budget estimates for these activities is requested under the section.

27.4 The summary analysis of the overall regular estimates of the requirements by programme and object of expenditure and of the post requirements is provided in tables 27.1, 27.2 and 27.3.

Table 27.1 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
Jointly financed administrative activities							
A. International Civil Service Commission	9 656.9	10 642.8	(247.8)	(2.3)	10 395.0	506.4	10 901.4
B. Joint Inspection Unit	7 608.1	8 404.3	53.6	0.6	8 457.9	536.6	9 021.5
C. Information Systems Coordination Committee (United Nations share)	766.9	1 065.6	(635.6)	(59.6)	430.0	11.0	441.0
D. Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (United Nations share)	550.4	759.6	(272.4)	(35.8)	487.2	7.4	494.6
E. Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (United Nations share)	—	—	161.8	—	161.8	8.3	170.1
F. International Computing Centre (United Nations share)	4 551.1	6 348.9	(243.2)	(3.8)	6 105.7	313.1	6 418.8
Total	**23 133.4**	**27 221.2**	**(1 183.6)**	**(4.3)**	**26 037.6**	**1 489.8**	**27 447.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	40.7
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
Total	**—**	**—**	**40.7**
Total (1) and (2)	**—**	**—**	**27 488.1**

Table 27.2 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	12 979.4	14 390.7	(92.9)	(0.6)	14 297.8	872.5	15 170.3
Other staff costs	186.3	319.5	(53.8)	(16.8)	265.7	13.3	279.0
Consultants and experts	373.7	254.4	28.0	11.0	282.4	14.2	296.6
Travel	1 515.1	1 598.3	(30.9)	(1.9)	1 567.4	77.8	1 645.2
Contractual services	565.4	594.1	(13.8)	(2.3)	580.3	1.5	581.8
General operating expenses	1 512.3	1 689.7	(35.6)	(2.1)	1 654.1	79.9	1 734.0
Supplies and materials	49.0	60.1	13.3	22.1	73.4	3.5	76.9
Equipment	83.8	140.3	(8.5)	(6.0)	131.8	7.3	139.1
Other	5 868.4	8 174.1	(989.4)	(12.1)	7 184.7	339.8	7 524.5
Total	**23 133.4**	**27 221.2**	**(1 183.6)**	**(4.3)**	**26 037.6**	**1 409.8**	**27 447.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1996-1997 estimates*
—	—	Fellowships, grants, contributions	40.7
Total —	—		**40.7**
Total (1) and (2) —	—		**27 488.1**

Table 27.3 Post requirements

Organizational unit: Jointly financed administrative activities

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
D-1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-5	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
P-4/3	14	14	—	—	—	—	14	14
P-2/1	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	**29**	**29**	—	—	—	—	**29**	**29**
General Service category								
Principal level	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Other levels	32	31	—	—	—	—	32	31
Total	**36**	**35**	—	—	—	—	**36**	**35**
Grand total	**65**	**64**	—	—	—	—	**65**	**64**

A. International Civil Service Commission

Overview

27.5 By its resolution 3042 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, the General Assembly decided in principle to establish an International Civil Service Commission for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system. By its resolution 3357 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974, the Assembly approved the statute of ICSC. The Commission consists of 15 experts appointed by the Assembly. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman serve full time.

27.6 The overall activities of the Commission fall into two major categories, namely, the operational activities pertaining to post adjustment, General Service salary surveys at headquarters duty stations, the daily subsistence allowance rates world wide, the classification of duty stations according to conditions of life and work (the mobility hardship scheme) and the monitoring of duty stations with hazardous conditions. The Commission also undertakes studies pertaining to various aspects of conditions of employment of staff of the common system stationed world wide as part of its non-operational activities.

27.7 Under article 11, paragraph (c), of its statute, the Commission establishes the classifications of duty stations for the purpose of applying post adjustments. The Commission periodically conducts post adjustment surveys in approximately 200 countries/areas, covering approximately 600 duty stations. The post adjustment indices resulting from those surveys are updated constantly to take into account changes in inflation and currency fluctuations. Under article 12, paragraph (l), of its statute, the Commission conducts comprehensive surveys of best prevailing conditions of employment for the General Service and related categories of staff at headquarters duty stations. Under article 11, paragraph (b), of its statute, the Commission maintains the most up-to-date rates of daily subsistence allowance for more than 1,100 cities world wide. Those rates are updated constantly to reflect changes in room and meal price rates and fluctuations in currencies.

27.8 In its resolution 44/198 of 21 December 1989, the General Assembly approved the introduction of a mobility and hardship allowance. The Commission keeps under constant review the classification of duty stations according to conditions of life and work for approximately 600 duty stations, including climate, security, health, education, isolation, local conditions and housing. In coordination with the United Nations Security Coordinator, the Commission monitors situations as regards hazardous conditions at various duty stations.

27.9 The Commission reports annually to the General Assembly. It normally holds two three-week sessions each year. Its subsidiary body, the Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions (ACPAQ), which has six members, meets annually for one week. In 1990, the Commission decided to establish tripartite working groups on major issues.

27.10 Article 21 of its statute provides that the expenditure of the Commission is to be shared by the participating organizations in a manner to be agreed by them. The participating organizations of the Commission are the United Nations and its affiliated bodies, the specialized agencies and IAEA. In accordance with the agreement reached, the cost for the biennium 1996-1997 is to be shared on the basis of statistics assembled by CCAQ on the total number of staff as at 31 December 1995. On that basis, it is expected that the other participating organizations would reimburse the United Nations approximately 71.77 per cent, or $7,460,500, of the Commission's total costs during the biennium 1996-1997. This amount will be credited under income section 2.

Programme of work of the International Civil Service Commission

27.11 In 1996-1997, the Salaries and Allowances Division will undertake a comprehensive review of pensionable remuneration and pensions for all categories of staff, including the methodologies to be used in determining the amounts of pensionable remuneration for the Professional category and above and the General Service and related categories, and the rates of staff assessment used for the determination of pensionable remuneration from net remunerations of those categories, as well as a comprehensive review of the application of the methodology used for surveys of best prevailing conditions of employment at headquarters duty stations. Annual reviews will be conducted of the base floor salary scales, including the rates of staff assessment used in that connection. The Division will continue to monitor the margin between the remuneration of United Nations officials in grades P-1 to D-2 in New York and the comparator civil services; post adjustment classifications of duty stations, including rental subsidy schemes; the pensionable remuneration for the Professional category and above and the allowances and other entitlements for all categories of staff. As part of the third round of General Service salary surveys at headquarters duty stations, the Division will conduct comprehensive surveys in New York, Rome, Geneva and London.

27.12 The Personnel Policies Division will continue its work in the area of human resource management and the development of common classification standards for headquarters duty stations, and will complete the project for the automation of the Master Standard. In addition, the Personnel Policies Division will continue to carry out operational services such as the management of the hardship scheme (involving approximately 300 classifications per year) and the review of the mobility and hardship scheme and hazard pay.

27.13 The Cost-of-Living Division will continue to carry out the operational activities of the secretariat. For 1996-1997, the Division will complete its studies on the comparison of housing costs and undertake place-to-place surveys in field duty stations. It is anticipated that approximately 75 field duty station surveys will be conducted for each year of the biennium 1996-1997.

Table 27.4 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 041.9	6 807.7	(92.9)	(1.3)	6 714.8	355.9	7 070.7
Other staff costs	169.0	261.0	(47.9)	(18.3)	213.1	10.3	223.4
Consultants and experts	344.8	213.2	31.1	14.5	244.3	11.9	256.2
Travel	994.6	999.6	(31.3)	(3.1)	968.3	47.0	1 015.3
Contractual services; compensation	565.4	594.1	(35.2)	(6.9)	558.9	0.1	559.0
General operating expenses	1 453.9	1 635.2	(59.7)	(3.6)	1 575.5	76.0	1 651.5
Supplies and materials	41.2	43.4	—	—	43.4	2.0	45.4
Equipment	46.1	88.6	(11.9)	(13.4)	76.7	3.2	79.9
Total	**9 656.9**	**10 642.8**	**(247.8)**	**(2.3)**	**10 395.0**	**506.4**	**10 901.4**

Table 27.5 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: International Civil Service Commission

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-5	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-4/3	11	11	—	—	—	—	11	11
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**21**	**21**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**21**	**21**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other levels	24	23	—	—	—	—	24	23
Total	**26**	**25**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**26**	**25**
Grand total	**47**	**46**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**47**	**46**

27.14 Article 21 of the statute of the Commission provides that the budget of the Commission shall be established by the Secretary-General after consultation with ACC, on the basis of proposals by the Commission. The cost estimates by the Secretary-General, prepared on the basis of proposals by the Commission's secretariat and agreed to by the Chairman of the Commission, are expected to be endorsed by the Commission during its session in May 1995.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

27.15 In the formulation of the Commission's 1996-1997 budget, the following general assumptions have been made:

(a) The Commission will hold two sessions per year, each of three weeks' duration, one in New York and the other elsewhere, and will participate in at least one meeting a year of intergovernmental bodies, or working groups, of participating organizations where issues on specific aspects of the remuneration system are discussed;

(b) Two tripartite working groups, established in accordance with the revised methods of work of the Commission, will each meet for approximately one week each year with the participation of four members of the Commission and the secretariat;

(c) The total additional in-session costs not borne by the organizations hosting the session away from New York will be contained in the ICSC budget on a full funding basis;

(d) ACPAQ will hold one meeting each year of one week's duration;

(e) The programme of work of CCAQ and its subcommittees and meetings of other United Nations bodies in which the Commission's secretariat participates will not differ substantially from those already programmed and referred to in these estimates.

International Civil Service Commission

Other staff costs

27.16 A provision of $158,200 is estimated for temporary assistance for meetings of the Commission and ACPAQ held away from United Nations conference centres. A negative growth of $30,000 is anticipated as a result of the assumption that host organizations would provide meeting services held at the host

organizations' headquarters. In 1996-1997, it is proposed to continue holding one of the two annual sessions of the Commission at the headquarters of participating organizations in Europe. The resources requested are based on a median cost level for Europe and will provide for the full costs of providing interpretation, translation and conference typists, it being assumed that other related in-session costs will be covered by the host organization. The cost of servicing meetings held at United Nations conference centres will continue to be met from appropriations to be approved under section 26E, Conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

Travel

27.17 The estimated requirements under this heading ($650,800) reflect a decrease of $20,000. They relate to travel and subsistence of (a) 13 members of the Commission to attend two three-week sessions of the Commission in New York; (b) 15 members of the Commission to attend two three-week sessions held away from New York, based on the assumption that the two sessions will be held at the headquarters of participating organizations in Europe; (c) 4 members of the Commission to attend two one-week sessions, one in New York and the other in Europe, of the tripartite working groups established by the Commission; (d) 6 members of ACPAQ to attend its annual meetings; (e) the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to attend meetings of the executive heads of the participating organizations, including attendance at meetings of the working groups established by the organizations and/or meetings of their governing bodies, and meetings of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board; and (f) the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to undertake at least one field visit each year with a view to maintaining contact, on a continuing basis, with the administration and staff at field locations.

27.18 The negative growth of $20,000 results from the rationalization of the meetings of the working groups in conjunction with meetings of the Commission.

Compensation

27.19 Requirements of $553,000 relate to compensation ($467,600) and pension ($85,400) provisions for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 37/131 of 17 December 1982, 40/256 of 18 December 1985 and 45/249 of 21 December 1990.

Secretariat of the Commission

Posts

27.20 The estimate of $6,714,800 relates to the continuation of 46 posts indicated in table 27.5. The negative growth of $92,900 reflects the reduction, by one General Service post, of the staffing of the secretariat of the Commission. This reduction has been achieved as a result of technical innovations.

Other staff costs

27.21 Provisions of $54,900 requested under this heading reflect a negative growth of $17,900. They relate to general temporary assistance ($20,900) and overtime ($34,000). General temporary assistance at approximately five work-months at the General Service level would provide for the replacement of staff during extended sick leave and maternity leave and for assistance during peak workload periods. Overtime ($34,000) represents the additional hours worked during the biennium in connection with meetings of the General Assembly and the Commission.

Consultants and experts

27.22 The proposed resources under this heading ($244,300) relate to (a) fees for pricing agents to supplement the work carried out by the Cost-of-Living Division ($110,000); (b) reimbursement to OECD for the collection of data from external sources relating to the place-to-place comparisons and time-to-time adjustments of housing costs and housing data ($40,000); (c) costs of the acquisition of data collected by external sources required for the post adjustment system ($32,000); (d) actuarial expertise required for the comparison of the pension benefits for General Service staff to those provided by outside employers in the labour market ($40,000); (e) expertise and specialized assistance required for the symposia on human resource planning for all categories of staff ($15,000); and (f) the acquisition of tax data from specialized firms for headquarters and a number of major field duty stations ($7,300). The resource growth of

$31,100 reflects the need for increased consultancies in connection with the collection of price data related to the cost-of-living surveys at headquarters and field offices.

Travel

27.23 Of the total estimated requirements under this heading ($317,500), $100,200 relates to travel of staff to service meetings of the Commission and ACPAQ held away from New York and to attend meetings of ACC, the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (including its Standing Committee); and $217,300, reflecting a negative growth of $11,300, relates to travel of staff in connection with cost-of-living surveys at the four headquarters locations and participation in the cost-of-living surveys at 12 non-headquarters duty stations; the salary survey at Vienna; travel in connection with coordination with the authorities of the comparator civil service; the review of conditions of service in the field; participation in the CCAQ subcommittees and working groups on job classification, staff training and other matters; participation in the working groups established by the legislative bodies of participating organizations where issues on specific aspects of the remuneration system are discussed; and training workshops and seminars.

Contractual services

27.24 The resources required ($5,900) relate to the printing of two issues of the ICSC bulletin *Common System*. With the operation of the local area network and enhanced computerization of all aspects of the cost-of-living survey process, the appropriation of $31,600 under data entry will no longer be required, resulting in a negative growth of that amount.

General operating expenses

27.25 The requirements amount to $1,575,500, reflecting a negative growth of $59,700, relate to the expenditures listed below:

(a) Rental and maintenance of premises, including the cost of miscellaneous maintenance services covered under contractual arrangement with the United Nations Development Corporation ($1,303,800);

(b) Rental and maintenance of office equipment, such as photocopying machines, and computer terminals, printers and other office automation equipment, including data-processing equipment connected to the mainframe computer at the New York Computing Section ($114,200);

(c) Communications, including cables, telexes, local telephone, facsimile charges and long-distance telephone calls ($117,600);

(d) Hospitality to cover requirements arising out of the official activities of the Commission ($4,200);

(e) Miscellaneous services relating to the shipment of documents and equipment for ICSC meetings away from New York ($35,700).

Supplies and materials

27.26 The requirements under this heading ($43,400) relate to the purchase of supplies for office automation equipment, photocopying machines, stationery and general office supplies.

Equipment

27.27 The requirements under this heading ($76,700), reflecting a negative growth of $11,900, would provide for the replacement of office automation equipment and other office equipment such as calculators.

B. Joint Inspection Unit

Overview

27.28 The Joint Inspection Unit, created on an experimental basis in 1968, was established, with effect from 1 January 1978, as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and of the legislative organs of other participating organizations in accordance with the statute contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976.

27.29 Article 20 of the statute of the Unit provides that the expenditures of the Unit are to be shared by the participating organizations as agreed by them. The participating organizations of the Unit are the United Nations and its affiliated bodies, the specialized agencies and IAEA. In accordance with the agreement reached for the biennium 1994-1995, the cost for the biennium is to be shared on the basis of expenditures described in the organizations' financial statements. Expenditures under specially assessed peace-keeping budgets and the value of donated commodities are excluded. On that basis, it is expected that the other participating organizations would reimburse the United Nations approximately 78.66 per cent, or $6,653,000, of the total costs of the Unit during the biennium 1996-1997. That amount will be credited under income section 2.

Programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit

27.30 As stated in its statute, the purpose of the Unit is to "provide an independent view through inspection and evaluation aimed at improving management and methods and at achieving greater coordination between organizations". The Unit also is to "satisfy itself that the activities undertaken by the organizations are carried out in the most economical manner and that optimum use is made of resources available for carrying out these activities".

27.31 In accordance with article 9, paragraph 1, of the statute, the work programme is determined annually by the Unit on the basis of its own observations, experience and assessment of priorities as regards subjects for inspection, requests of the competent organs of participating organizations and suggestions received from the executive heads of the organizations and the bodies of the United Nations system concerned with budgetary control, investigation, coordination and evaluation.

27.32 The Unit will prepare about 11 or 12 reports, notes and management letters annually on the activities of the organizations in such areas as management questions, operational activities for development, peace-keeping and humanitarian issues. It will continue its review of operational activities for development.

27.33 In order to respond further to the requests by the General Assembly, the work programme of the Unit during the biennium 1996-1997 will focus increased emphasis on inspection, evaluation and investigations in order to ensure optimum use of resources. Specific, action-oriented recommendations and assessments of potential cost savings will be included in its recommendations and a more intensive follow-up of the implementation of its recommendations will be undertaken.

Table 27.6 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 937.5	7 583.0	—	—	7 583.0	516.6	8 099.6
Other staff costs	17.3	58.5	(5.9)	(10.0)	52.6	3.0	55.6
Consultants and experts	28.9	41.2	(3.1)	(7.5)	38.1	2.3	40.4
Travel	520.5	598.7	0.4	—	599.1	30.8	629.9
Contractual services	—	—	21.4	—	21.4	1.4	22.8
General operating expenses	58.4	54.5	24.1	44.2	78.6	3.9	82.5
Supplies and materials	7.8	16.7	13.3	79.6	30.0	1.5	31.5
Equipment	37.7	51.7	3.4	6.5	55.1	4.1	59.2
Total	**7 608.1**	**8 404.3**	**53.6**	**0.6**	**8 457.9**	**563.6**	**9 021.5**

Table 27.7 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Joint Inspection Unit

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-4/3	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**8**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**8**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other levels	8	8	—	—	—	—	8	8
Total	**10**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**10**	**10**
Grand total	**18**	**18**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**18**	**18**

27.34 Article 20 of the statute also provides for the budget of the Unit to be included in the regular budget of the United Nations, such budget estimates being established by the Secretary-General after consultation with ACC on the basis of proposals made by the Unit. The present cost estimates by the Secretary-General have been prepared on the basis of proposals by the Unit and reflect a resource growth of $53,600, or 0.6 per cent.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Inspectors

Posts

27.35 The estimated requirements under this heading ($3,718,000) relate to the salaries and emoluments of 11 Inspectors, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/192.

Other staff costs

27.36 The estimate of $52,600, reflecting a negative growth of $5,900, relates to requirements under general temporary assistance and would cover the costs of secretarial services rendered to Inspectors while in New York attending the General Assembly and on other official business, and to replace or supplement secretarial staff for brief periods of time.

Travel

27.37 The estimated requirements under this heading ($467,300) relate to travel of the 11 Inspectors for on-the-spot gathering of data at the headquarters of participating organizations or at field locations in connection with preparation of inspection and evaluation reports, and travel to meetings of the participating organizations in order to present, discuss and follow up the Unit's reports.

Secretariat of the Unit

Posts

27.38 The requirements under this heading ($3,865,000) relate to established posts, which are at the same level as in the biennium 1994-1995 (1 D-2, 3 P-5, 1 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 P-2 and 10 General Service posts, 2 of which are at the Principal level).

Consultants and experts

27.39 The proposed provision of $38,100, reflecting a negative growth of $3,100, relates to specialized advice to the Inspectors in areas where the particular expertise is lacking. Although technical support is provided for the Unit's studies by the organizations, impartial outside advice is sometimes necessary, primarily to assist in the analysis and interpretation of data, comment on the technical soundness of findings and recommendations, and make observations on draft reports.

Travel

27.40 The resources requested under this heading ($131,800) relate to travel of research officers accompanying the inspectors to assist in on-the-spot gathering of data at the headquarters of organizations or at field locations and to the travel of the Executive Secretary to attend meetings of the General Assembly and to gather information for the Unit's reports and studies at headquarters of participating organizations outside Geneva and field duty stations.

Contractual services

27.41 A new provision of $21,400 is requested under contractual services. This would cover the cost of specialized training for the staff of the Unit ($10,400) and data-processing services ($11,000). In connection with staff training, while the programme is centrally administered by the Office of Human Resources Management, the resources are requested under the Unit since these are also financed by other organizations. Data-processing services are required for the maintenance of existing software contracts.

General operating expenses

27.42 The requirements amount to $78,600 and relate to the expenditures indicated below. The resource growth is attributable mostly to the maintenance of office automation equipment:

(a) Rental and maintenance of equipment ($29,800), relating to the lease of one facsimile machine ($2,600), and maintenance costs of the server of the local area network and office automation equipment ($27,200);

(b) Communications ($48,800), relating to the costs of long-distance telephone calls, postage and diplomatic pouch service.

Supplies and materials

27.43 The estimated requirements under this heading ($30,000) relate to supplies for office automation equipment, stationery and office supplies, internal reproduction supplies and to specialized books and periodicals.

Equipment

27.44 A provision of $55,100, reflecting a resource growth of $3,400, is requested for the acquisition of 12 workstations and printers, including the related software and network cabling, and one desk-top publishing machine, including software.

C. Information Systems Coordination Committee (United Nations share)

Overview

27.45 In the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, it was indicated that the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) (CCAQ(FB)) had accepted the budget estimates of ACCIS on a provisional basis, subject to further review at the Committee's next session in late 1993 before final approval. At its seventy-ninth session, in October 1993, ACC decided to replace ACCIS with a new committee called the Information Systems Coordinating Committee (ISCC). Under its terms of reference, ISCC would not carry out operational activities but would concentrate on identifying common standards and practices. It will provide advice and medium- and long-term strategic views to ACC on information systems technology and services; recommend limited areas of information technology that might require standardization; advise on those areas where recommended practices might be adopted; review the implementation of information and telecommunication system standards and recommend practices; provide a forum for the exchange of information among information system managers in the United Nations system of organizations; and provide an electronic repository on information system developments within the common system.

27.46 During the biennium 1994-1995, the budget of ACCIS/ISCC has undergone several changes, consisting of a transitional budget for the continuation of the existing ACCIS secretariat until 31 December 1994 (one D-2, two P-5, one P-2 and three General Service posts) and task forces for ISCC in order to carry out its programme of work during the biennium 1994-1995. In 1995, the ISCC secretariat consists of one D-2 and one General Service (Other level) posts.

27.47 The cost of the ISCC secretariat is shared by the participating organizations in proportion to the number of staff in posts at the close of the preceding biennium. As at 1 January 1995, the participating organizations of ISCC were the United Nations, UNDP, UNICEF, UNRWA, UNHCR, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, WFP, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, ICAO, WHO, IMF, ITU, WMO, IMO, WIPO and UNIDO.

Table 27.8 **Total estimates for the Information Systems Coordination Committee**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 211.3	875.0	(268.1)	(30.6)	606.9	57.8	664.7
Other staff costs	247.0	380.1	(136.7)	(35.9)	243.4	13.2	256.6
Consultants and experts	157.7	145.7	159.3	109.3	305.0	14.5	319.5
Travel	62.4	17.7	2.9	16.3	20.6	0.4	21.0
Contractual services	289.2	181.6	18.5	10.1	200.1	18.0	218.1
General operating expenses	80.7	102.8	(35.2)	(34.2)	67.6	(0.9)	66.7
Supplies and materials	35.0	19.5	18.0	92.3	37.5	1.7	39.2
Equipment	5.8	91.3	(54.2)	(59.3)	37.1	3.3	40.4
Total	**2 089.1**	**1 813.7**	**(295.5)**	**(16.2)**	**1 518.2**	**108.0**	**1 626.2**

Table 27.9 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Information Systems Coordination Committee

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
D-1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
General Service category								
Other levels	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Grand total	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2

27.48 The present proposals were reviewed, on behalf of ACC, by CCAQ(FB) at its eighty-second session, held from 13 to 17 February 1995.

27.49 The 1996-1997 proposals, adjusted to revised 1994-1995 rates, amount to $1,518,200, reflecting a negative growth of $295,500, including the downgrading of the post of Secretary of the Committee from the D-2 to the D-1 level. Based on the agreed cost-sharing formula, the United Nations share, for which the related appropriation is requested, is 28.32 per cent, or $430,000, reflecting a negative growth of $635,600.

27.50 The total 1996-1997 budget estimates of ISCC, of which the United Nations share is $430,000, are described below.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Total requirements of the Information Systems Coordination Committee

Posts

27.51 Requirements under this heading ($606,900) relate to the salaries and common staff costs of the secretariat of ISCC, consisting of one D-1 and one General Service (Other level) posts. The negative growth of $268,100 reflects the full cost of five posts abolished in 1995 (two P-5, one P-2 and three General Service) and the downgrading from the D-2 to the D-1 level of the post of Secretary of the Committee. The downgrading of the D-2 post to the D-1 level results from the decision of ACC that the secretariats of its subsidiary bodies should be headed at the D-1 level.

Other staff costs

27.52 The provision of $243,400, reflecting a negative growth of $136,700, relate to 24 work-months of general temporary assistance at the P-2 level, required for the operation of the Internet server and its help desk ($169,700); four work-months of a General Service staff member for each year of the biennium 1996-1997 to assist the secretariat in servicing two annual meetings of ISCC ($57,100); and replacement for General Service staff during periods of annual, sick or maternity leave ($16,600).

Consultants and experts

27.53 The provision under this heading ($305,000), reflecting resource growth of $159,300, would provide for fees of five consultants: (a) one for technical expertise to advise on products, tools, implementation strategies, costs and best practices on information access and dissemination; (b) one for the production, editing and dissemination of information; (c) one specialist in system design (including travel to visit existing facilities in New York and Vienna); (d) one specialist in information preparation for standardized

databases (including travel to existing facilities in New York, Paris and Vienna); and (e) one consultant for the identification and production of a study on information management standards currently used by organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to the establishment of system-wide standards or recommended practices.

Travel

27.54 The estimated requirements under this heading ($20,600), reflecting growth of $2,900, relate to the travel of the Chairperson and/or Secretary of ISCC to participate in meetings of CCAQ(FB) and other interorganizational bodies as required.

Contractual services

27.55 The estimated requirements ($200,100), reflecting a growth of $18,500, relate to usage of ICC facilities, including data-processing services, required for the organization and compilation of shared United Nations information; for the compilation of information and the development of the final document on recommended practices; for an international telecommunication data provider to assist with the establishment of a pilot system and the related telecommunication access to the system; use of computer facilities for the preparation of reports and the compilation of data; and computer services of ICC, including electronic mail, telecommunications, text processing and electronic file management.

General operating expenses

27.56 The proposed provision of $67,600, reflecting a negative growth of $35,200, would cover the costs of communications (cables, telexes, long-distance telephone calls, pouch service and postage) ($50,600) and maintenance of office automation equipment, including the cost of the maintenance agreement for the Internet server ($17,000).

Supplies and materials

27.57 The estimated requirements under this heading ($37,500), reflecting a growth of $18,000, relate to the costs of office stationery and supplies, including photocopy and computer supplies, subscriptions to serial publications and acquisition of reference books dealing with information systems and information technology, and the procurement of reference materials on Internet.

Equipment

27.58 A provision of $37,100, reflecting a negative growth of $54,200, is requested for the purchase of additional software required by ICC for the revised work programme of ISCC and that required by the secretariat of ISCC in order to interact with the Internet server of ICC.

United Nations share in the cost of the ISCC secretariat

Table 27.10 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other	766.9	1 065.6	(635.6)	(59.6)	430.0	11.0	441.0
Total	**766.9**	**1 065.6**	**(635.6)**	**(59.6)**	**430.0**	**11.0**	**441.0**

Other

27.59 The share of the United Nations will depend on staffing data for participating organizations at the end of 1995. Assuming that this share will be approximately the same as the current estimates in the biennium 1994-1995 (28.32 per cent), the share of the United Nations in the estimated cost of the programme ($1,518,200) would be $430,000, reflecting a negative growth of $635,600. On that basis, an appropriation of $430,000 is requested.

D. Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (United Nations share)

Overview

27.60 CCAQ is a subsidiary organ of ACC. Its general objectives are to improve and harmonize administrative practices in the organizations of the United Nations system and to promote efficiency and economy in their administrative operations. These objectives are pursued in the fields of personnel, budget, finance and general administration (management systems, travel operations, procurement and other general services).

27.61 CCAQ operates through regular meetings of senior administrators, which are normally held separately, twice a year, in each of its two general areas of concern, personnel and general administrative questions being dealt with by CCAQ (Personnel and General Administrative Questions (PER)) and financial and budgetary questions by CCAQ (Financial and Budgetary Questions (FB)). Specialized subjects are considered by standing subcommittees or ad hoc technical working groups as necessary. Many of the activities of CCAQ(PER), are coordinated with those of ICSC, at whose meetings CCAQ represents the executive heads of the organizations and is responsible for putting forward the common positions of the administrations on all issues under consideration.

27.62 Support for the work of CCAQ is provided by a small interorganizational secretariat funded by member organizations. The participating organizations of CCAQ are the United Nations, UNDP, each of the specialized agencies (except the World Bank and IMF), IAEA and GATT. The cost is shared by the organizations in proportion to the number of staff in posts at the close of the preceding biennium.

27.63 In 1996-1997, CCAQ is expected to give emphasis in the personnel and general administrative sector to the completion of a study on the Noblemaire principle and the structure of the United Nations common system salary scale. Attention will also be given to studies linked to the promotion of sound personnel management, especially in the area of performance appraisal. A series of studies relating to the organizations' policies relating to work and the family will be further developed.

27.64 On the financial and budgetary side, emphasis will be placed on questions of system-wide concern arising out of decisions, recommendations and requests of central intergovernmental bodies and expert groups. These will include further development of the accounting standards formulated at the request of the General Assembly, including the presentation of financial reports. Cash management and financial and general systems, including management questions relating to productivity improvement and appropriate arrangements with donors on the financial aspects of humanitarian and operational activities, are also expected to be reviewed during 1996-1997.

27.65 During the biennium 1996-1997, the CCAQ secretariat will provide substantive servicing for four one-week regular sessions of the Committee on Personnel and General Administrative Questions, plus an additional two- to three-week session of the Committee in conjunction with the session of ICSC and four one-week sessions of the Committee on Financial and Budgetary Questions, and various standing and ad hoc working groups, including the Subcommittee on Job Classification, the Subcommittee on Staff Training and various others. This work includes the preparation of questionnaires, analyses and studies, drafting of records of proceedings and follow-up action.

27.66 On behalf of the Committee, the CCAQ secretariat will also draw up interorganizational statistical reports on personnel, financial and general administrative subjects for submission to central intergovernmental bodies and to meet the needs of the Committee's member organizations.

27.67 The CCAQ secretariat will provide administrative support services by acting as a source of information for member organizations on personnel, financial, budgetary and administrative practice, and as a focal point for communication between them and ICSC, by advising administrations and staff representatives on matters affecting the common system, by assisting in periodic negotiations with representatives of temporary conference staff, and by coordinating agreements between member organizations in the areas of competence of the Committee.

Table 27.11 **Total estimates for the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 118.5	1 453.7	(24.2)	(1.6)	1 429.5	93.9	1 523.4
Consultants and experts	13.4	21.1	—	—	21.1	1.1	22.2
Travel	130.4	155.9	(21.8)	(13.9)	134.1	7.1	141.2
Contractual services	72.5	82.8	—	—	82.8	4.2	87.0
General operating expenses	27.4	30.5	3.5	11.4	34.0	1.8	35.8
Supplies and materials	5.0	9.7	0.5	5.1	10.2	0.6	10.8
Equipment	9.6	4.3	1.1	25.5	5.4	0.4	5.8
Total	**1 376.8**	**1 758.0**	**(40.9)**	**(2.3)**	**1 717.1**	**109.1**	**1 826.2**

Table 27.12 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
D-1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
General Service category								
Other levels	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
Grand total	**6**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**6**

27.68 The proposed budget of the CCAQ secretariat was reviewed, on behalf of ACC, by CCAQ(FB) at its eighty-second session, held from 13 to 17 February 1995.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Total requirements of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions

Posts

27.69 The staff resources required ($1,429,500) in the CCAQ secretariat for implementation of the programme outlined above are estimated at 72 work-months of three Professional posts (two D-1 and one P-5) for the biennium under the jointly financed budget, of which 48 would be for work in the area of personnel and general administration, and 24 in the area of finance and budget, and the three General Service posts. The negative growth of $24,200 reflects the downgrading of the post of Secretary of the Committee from the D-2 to the D-1 level. As decided by ACC, posts of secretary of its subsidiary bodies would be at the D-1 level.

Consultants and experts

27.70 The resources required under this heading ($21,100), at the maintenance level, would cover consultant services for the further development of capabilities in the analysis of personnel data and individual entitlements and for studies that are likely to be called for in areas of emphasis of the programme for 1996-1997.

Travel

27.71 The estimated requirements under this heading ($134,100), reflecting a negative growth of $21,800, relate to:

(a) Travel to sessions of CCAQ(PER) and CCAQ(FB) and attendance at regular sessions of ICSC, held in conjunction with the regular sessions of CCAQ(PER) ($102,300);

(b) Travel to meetings of subcommittees and working parties of CCAQ, arranged wherever possible at Geneva, but found in some cases to be more convenient or less expensive for participants if held at the headquarters of other participating organizations ($23,700);

(c) Travel to sessions of ACC, the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, ACPAQ and the ICSC Tripartite Working Group for the Classification of Duty Stations by Conditions of Life and Work; and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly ($8,100).

Contractual services

27.72 The estimate of $82,800 relates to the cost of computer time, data storage and direct access required for the development, processing and maintenance of the CCAQ personnel database, access and inputs to the interorganizational administrative database (UNDICS) and the use of electronic mail facilities.

General operating expenses

27.73 The estimated resources under this heading ($34,000), reflecting a growth of $3,500, would provide for communications costs such as long-distance telephone, postage, pouch and delivery service ($29,800) incurred by the CCAQ secretariat and to the maintenance costs of text-processing, data-processing and facsimile equipment ($4,200). The resource growth reflects the increased use of facsimile machines.

Supplies and materials

27.74 The proposed provision under this heading ($10,200) relates to supplies for data processing and text processing, and to software and specialized reference publications, notably in the field of executive remuneration. The increased use of facsimile and text-processing machines results in a corresponding increase of the related supplies.

Equipment

27.75 The estimated requirements under this heading ($5,400) would provide for the replacement of data-processing and text-processing equipment at existing workstations. The growth of $1,100 reflects the cost of connecting all office automation equipment to the United Nations network.

United Nations share in the cost of the CCAQ secretariat

Table 27.13 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other	550.4	759.6	(272.4)	(35.8)	487.2	7.4	494.6
Total	**550.4**	**759.6**	**(272.4)**	**(35.8)**	**487.2**	**7.4**	**494.6**

Other

27.76 The share of the United Nations will depend on staffing data for participating organizations at the end of 1995. Assuming that this share will be approximately the same as the current estimates in 1994-1995 (28.23 per cent), the share of the United Nations in the estimated cost of the programme ($1,725,900) would amount to $487,200. Accordingly, the related appropriation is requested.

E. Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (United Nations share)

Overview

27.77 The Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (CCPOQ) was established in 1993 by the fusion of the functions of the two subcommittees of the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (CCSQ). As indicated in part D above, CCSQ is a subsidiary organ of ACC. It had two components covering a cluster of tasks dealing with programme and the related policy matters (CCSQ(PROG)) and with operational activities (CCSQ(OPS)). The United Nations share of the costs of the secretariat of the former CCSQ(OPS) were apportioned among those departments and offices which had participated in meetings of CCSQ on a regular basis and were met from extrabudgetary resources. The secretariat of CCSQ(PROG) was provided, based on ad hoc arrangements, from within the staffing of offices carrying out activities related to development issues. In 1994, as a result of the fusion of the functions of CCSQ(PROG) and CCSQ(OPS), ACC decided to approve the establishment of an additional P-4 post for the secretariat of the new Committee since the latter would be charged with both programme and related policy matters and operational activities.

27.78 Since the new Committee was to be responsible for programme, policy and operational issues, the previous cost-sharing arrangement, which was apportioned among those departments and offices which had participated in meetings of CCSQ during the last two or three sessions on the basis of their operational expenditures, no longer applied. The new cost-sharing arrangement agreed upon is now based on the same cost-sharing arrangement agreed for the Joint Inspection Unit, namely, on the basis of expenditures described in the organizations' financial statements, excluding expenditure under specially assessed peace-keeping budgets and the value of donated commodities.

27.79 Organizations participating in CCPOQ are the United Nations and its affiliated bodies, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNRWA, UNHCR, WFP, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, ICAO, WHO, UPU, ITU, WMO, IMF, WIPO, UNIDO and IAEA. The present proposals were reviewed, on behalf of ACC, by CCAQ(FB) at its eighty-second session, held from 13 to 17 February 1995.

Table 27.14 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	425.5	643.5	93.5	14.5	737.0	49.0	786.0
Other staff costs	5.2	15.5	—	—	15.5	0.7	16.2
Consultants and experts	17.4	32.8	—	—	32.8	1.6	34.4
Travel	62.1	92.8	(13.9)	(14.9)	78.9	4.2	83.1
General operating expenses	24.6	27.6	—	—	27.6	1.4	29.0
Supplies and materials	—	6.4	—	—	6.4	0.4	6.8
Equipment	4.8	6.3	—	—	6.3	0.5	6.8
Total	**539.6**	**824.9**	**79.6**	**9.6**	**904.5**	**57.8**	**962.3**

Table 27.15 Post requirements

Organizational unit: Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
D-1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
P-4/3	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
Total	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**
General Service category								
Other levels	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
Total	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**
Grand total	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**

27.80 The budget of the secretariat of CCPOQ was prepared on the basis of comments by the Consultative Committee, at its February 1995 meeting, on behalf of ACC.

27.81 The 1996-1997 proposals, adjusted to revised 1994-1995 rates, amount to $904,500, including the downgrading of the post of Secretary of the Committee from the D-2 to the D-1 level. Based on the agreed cost-sharing formula, the United Nations share is 21.34 per cent, or $194,200. The regular budget's share in the United Nations share based on the combined expenditures of the regular budget and technical cooperation expenditures is estimated at 83.3 per cent, or $161,800.

27.82 The total 1996-1997 budget estimates for CCPOQ are described below.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Total requirements of the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions

Posts

27.83 The staff resources required ($737,000) in the CCPOQ secretariat reflect the continuation of two Professional and one General Service (Other level) posts. The resource growth of $93,500 reflects the full cost of the P-4 post approved during the biennium 1994-1995 ($117,700), offset in part by $24,200 relating to the proposed downgrading of the post of Secretary of the Committee from the D-2 to the D-1 level.

Other staff costs

27.84 The provision of $15,500 relates to general temporary assistance required during annual leave of the incumbent of the General Service post and additional support staff required during the Committee's sessions.

Consultants and experts

27.85 The resources required under this heading ($32,800), at the maintenance level, would cover consultant services for the in-depth analysis of a wide range of technical issues for which the secretariat has no existing expertise.

Travel

27.86 The estimated requirements under this heading ($78,900), reflecting a negative growth of $13,900, relate to travel to Headquarters to attend sessions of the Second Committee of the General Assembly and the Executive Board of UNDP, and travel to attend and participate in meetings of inter-agency bodies and their working groups.

General operating expenses

27.87 The provision of $27,600, at the maintenance level, relates to communications ($18,900) and rental and maintenance of furniture and equipment ($8,700).

Supplies and materials

27.88 The proposed provision under this heading ($6,400) relates to various supplies required by the secretariat, such as stationery and supplies, office automation supplies and other miscellaneous supplies.

Equipment

27.89 The estimated requirements under this heading ($6,300) would provide for the acquisition of office automation equipment for the incumbent of the new P-4 post, which was established during the biennium 1994-1995, and the acquisition of software in order to access United Nations network such as IMIS and Internet.

United Nations share in the cost of the CCPOQ secretariat

Table 27.16 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other	—	—	161.8	—	161.8	8.3	170.1
Total	**—**	**—**	**161.8**	**—**	**161.8**	**8.3**	**170.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	40.7
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
Total —	—		**40.7**
Total (1) and (2) —	—		**210.8**

Other

27.90 The share of the United Nations will depend on expenditure data for participating organizations at the end of 1995. Assuming that this share will be approximately the same as the current estimates in 1994-1995 (21.34 per cent), the share of the United Nations in the estimated cost of the programme ($904,500) would amount to $194,200, or $210,800 at 1996-1997 rates. Of the latter amount, the regular budget's share is estimated at $161,800 ($170,100 at 1996-1997 rates), or 83.3 per cent, and the share of extrabudgetary resources is estimated at $32,400 ($40,700 at 1996-1997 rates).

F. International Computing Centre (United Nations share)

Overview

27.91 The International Computing Centre (ICC) at Geneva was established in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2741 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 to serve all those organizations of the United Nations wishing to participate in its activities. The Centre is a major computer facility for the European-based offices and agencies and is currently utilized by the following organizations: United Nations, UNEP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, WFP, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, World Bank, IMF, WMO, WIPO, IFAD, UNIDO, IAEA and GATT.

27.92 In section III of its resolution 31/208 of 22 December 1976, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of ACABQ that the budget of ICC should be subject to review and approval by the Assembly. Accordingly, budget estimates of ICC are submitted for approval by the Assembly.

27.93 The offices of the United Nations at Geneva utilize the services of ICC to carry out approved programmes of work. The offices include the United Nations Office at Geneva, the Statistical Office, UNCTAD, ECE, the Centre for Human Rights and UNDRO. The applications include administrative systems for the United Nations Office at Geneva, such as accounting, payroll and personnel, econometric modelling, data banks and statistical data processing, and the United Nations International Emergency Network.

Table 27.17 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other	4 551.1	6 348.9	(243.2)	(3.8)	6 105.7	313.1	6 418.8
Total	**4 551.1**	**6 348.9**	**(243.2)**	**(3.8)**	**6 105.7**	**313.1**	**6 418.8**

Resource requirements (at current rates)

27.94 When ACCIS was replaced by ISCC, it was agreed that ICC would take over many of the operational functions that were previously performed by the ACCIS secretariat, including the maintenance of databases, the development and maintenance of electronic infrastructure and the related purchase of hardware.

27.95 At the time of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, the work programme of ICC has not yet been formulated. Pending the submission of the budget estimates of ICC to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session, the United Nations share of the costs of the Centre is considered provisional.

Contribution to joint administrative activities

27.96 In the report submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the 1994-1995 budget estimates for ICC (A/C.5/48/8), the Secretary-General indicated that total ICC expenditure for 1994-1995 was estimated at $25,099,000. Of that amount, $5,639,100, or 22.0 per cent, was estimated as the share attributable to the United Nations in 1994-1995 to cover the computer services provided by ICC to United Nations activities.

27.97 Based on the 1994-1995 estimates of $25,099,000, the United Nations usage of the Centre during the biennium 1996-1997 should amount to $6,348,900. With the transfer of administrative systems to IMIS, it is anticipated that the resources for United Nations usage of the Centre could be reduced for 1996-1997. Accordingly, the resources requested ($6,105,700) reflect a negative growth of $243,200.

Table 27.18 **Summary of the United Nations share of International Computing Centre expenditures by organizational unit**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1994 actual expenditure	*1995 projected expenditures*	*1996-1997 estimate (at current rates)*
Economic Commission for Europe	594 464	630 100	1 408.3
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	947 212	1 004 000	2 051.2
United Nations Statistical Office	234 195	248 300	477.5
United Nations Office at Geneva	842 502	893 100	1 492.4
Department of Humanitarian Affairs	211 545	224 200	465.7
Others	68 232	72 300	210.6
Total	**2 898 150**	**3 072 000**	**6 105.7**